

State Water Board Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program

Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 — 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Summary and Action Items

<i>Agenda Item and Desired Outcome</i>	<i>Meeting Outcome</i>
GAMA Program Background: Current Status <u>Desired Outcome:</u> <i>Information and Discussion</i>	Information and Discussion
Program Direction and Priorities: Proposed Options <u>Desired Outcome:</u> <i>Information and Discussion</i>	Information and Discussion
PAC Discussion on GAMA Work Scope: Revised Direction <u>Desired Outcome:</u> <i>PAC consensus on the GAMA Priority Basin Project work scope change</i>	PAC consensus on work scope change
PAC Discussion on Advocating Funding Sources: Funding Solutions <u>Desired Outcome:</u> <i>Suggestions by the PAC to secure future funding source(s)</i>	PAC consensus for funding “Proposed Program”— Priority Basins and Shallow Aquifers at “full” amount of \$2.4M plus \$560K = \$2.96M per year (contracts only). Note: Additional funding still needed for GeoTracker GAMA and other GAMA projects, as well as staff.

Summary of PAC discussion/action items:

- Groundwater programs need higher priority for funding
- Agreement on proposal of future priority basin project work scope—it is appropriate for the GAMA program
- July 1, 2014 is the date Proposition 50 bond funds are depleted
- Staff to investigate a possible survey of Regional and State Water Board staff use of GAMA data and products.
- PAC plans to submit a letter to Water Board that:
 - supports the GAMA program and recognizes its contribution to obtaining a better understanding of groundwater
 - recommends that the GAMA program be continued at “full” funding
 - proposes a possible future funding source(s)

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